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**Sent:** 1/20/2016 7:32:17 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Water Quality Workplan Input  
**Attachments:** Water Quality Management Strategy Workplan New York 2016-01-20.xlsx

David, see attached for NY contributions to the WQ Management Strategy. I pulled three high-priority items from our 16-17 milestones and added them to the workplan. They are highlighted in yellow.

Ben

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**From:** Wood, DavidM [mailto:Wood.DavidM@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 2016 4:12 PM  
**To:** Sears, Ben R (DEC)  
**Cc:** Power, Lucinda  
**Subject:** ACTION: Water Quality Workplan Input

Dear Ben,

As noted in previous messages to WQGIT members (copied below), the Water Quality Management Strategy Workplan will be released for public input this Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. While the CBP partnership agreed that the workplan would reflect the two-year milestones, we have asked each jurisdiction to go through their draft 16/17 milestone commitments, pull out the highest priority items and fill them into the attached template.

**Please provide this information no later than COB Thursday, January 21.**

While a link to each of the jurisdictions draft milestone commitments will be provided, if no additional information is provided by COB Thursday, New York's commitments to the Water Quality Workplan will be absent from the version that is released for public input.

Thank you, and if you have any questions please contact myself or Lucinda.

Best,  
David

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Dear WQGIT Members and Interested Parties:

This is a reminder that as part of the development of the Water Quality Management Strategy Work Plan, we have several outstanding requests for information, primarily the jurisdictional water quality milestone commitments. The full request is detailed in Lucinda's email below, and information has been requested by **December 11**.

Additionally, we have attached a revised version of the Work Plan, which now includes federal water quality milestone commitments. While we will provide a direct link to the full set of federal water quality milestones once they have been finalized, we are requesting that our federal agency partners please review the commitments that were highlighted in the attached draft and provide any feedback by **December 11**.

Thank you and please let us know if you have any questions!

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*Sent on behalf of Lucinda Power, WQGIT Coordinator*

Dear WQGIT Members & Interested Parties:

As part of the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement and the Water Quality Management Strategy (attached), the WQGIT is responsible for developing a two year work plan covering 2016-2017 that lays out further details of how the 2017 WIP Outcome, 2025 WIP Outcome, and the Water Quality Standards Attainment & Monitoring Outcome will be achieved. These work plans are designed to succinctly summarize the specific commitments, actions and resources each self-identified signatory and stakeholder will do individually and collectively to reach the two-year target for a specific outcome.

As the CBP partnership discussed during the development of the 2014 Watershed Agreement, the water quality management strategy would reflect the WIPs and the work plan would reflect the two-year milestones. Given that our water quality management strategy also discusses the midpoint assessment priorities and includes the monitoring and attainment outcome, this work plan will go beyond just those two-year milestone commitments.

The draft work plans will be submitted to the Management Board for their review this week. Please review the following information, as it contains important details about the review process, key deadlines, and requested feedback from the WQGIT.

#### **Schedule**

- *November 2, 2015*: Preliminary work plans are due to Management Board for their review (with a concurrent WQGIT review).
- *December 18, 2015*: Revised draft work plans are due to the Management Board for a 4-week review.
- *January 22 – March 8, 2016*: Public input period for the work plans.
- *March 25, 2016*: Revised drafts of work plans due to the Management Board for April 14 meeting.
- *April 30, 2016*: Work plans final and posted on web.

#### **Format for 2016-2017 Commitments in Water Quality Work Plan**

- I've broken out our work plan into three components to be consistent with our WQ Management Strategy:
  1. Jurisdictions' and Federal Agencies' 2016-2017 milestone commitments (BMP and/or programmatic).
  2. Midpoint Assessment commitments.
  3. Monitoring and WQS attainment commitments.

#### **ACTION FOR WQGIT**

- Currently, only the midpoint assessment and enhancing monitoring commitments are included in the attached draft. My recommendation is to take the month of November and part of December to populate the information in Management Approach 1: Phase I WIPs, Phase II WIPs, and Two-Year Milestones. Therefore, **I am asking the federal and jurisdictional milestone leads to please provide the necessary information under these cross-cutting categories by December 11:**
  - BMP Verification
  - Provide support for continued BMP implementation, tracking and reporting on agricultural lands
  - Provide support for continued BMP implementation, tracking and reporting in the urban stormwater sector
  - Guide development of jurisdictions' trading and offset programs
  - Continue with Wastewater Treatment Plant & Septic upgrades and enhancements
  - Provide permit and enforcement oversight across all sectors
- **Please also provide your comments on any other work plan element by December 11.**
- In January, we will provide links in the work plan to your full set of draft 2016/17 milestone commitments.

An overview of the draft work plan will be provided during our November 9 WQGIT conference call. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Thank you,  
Lucinda

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